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'948 and further in view of U.S. Pat. No. 4,549,208 Kamejima et al. The Examiner rejects Claim 129 as being obvious over Kishi '461 in view of Simonelli '948 and further in view of U.S. Pat. No. 5,634,709 to Iwama.

Applicants have cancelled Claim 112 and have amended Claims 113, 116, 118, 120, 121, 123, 124, 127-131 to depend from allowable Claim 115. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection but, in order to move prosecution forward, cancel Claim 112 and amend the remaining claims without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to pursue these and similar claims in a continuation application.

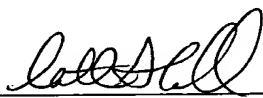
Accordingly, Applicants believe that the application is in condition for allowance and respectfully solicit a Notice of Allowance of Claims 50-111, 113-151. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (616) 975-5506.

Respectfully submitted,

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